

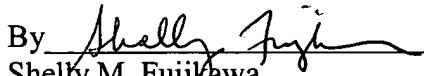
REMARKS

Claims 1-26 remain pending with entry of this Amendment. With entry of this Amendment, claim 1 will be amended by replacing “A polypeptide” with “An isolated polypeptide.” Support for this amendment can be found on, *e.g.*, page 21, lines 1-15 in the specification as filed. No new matter has been added by way of this Amendment.

In view of the above Amendment and the concurrently submitted Response to Restriction Requirement, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable action on the merits of the application is earnestly solicited.

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